

Sheridan NPL Site

Case History: The [Sheridan Disposal Services](#) site is located near Hempstead, Waller County, Texas, in the 100-year floodplain of the Brazos River. The facility operated between 1958 and 1984 as a commercial waste oil and solvent disposal facility for various organic and inorganic chemical and solid wastes. Primary contaminants of concern include volatile organic chemicals (VOCs) and PCBs. Major sources of contaminants include soils, a 15 acre lagoon, and a 40-acre evaporation land farm. In October 1997, a Consent Decree (CD) included NRDAR provisions for the creation of a 7 to 10 acre freshwater wetland habitat as compensation, which would include enhancements, such as predator-proof waterfowl nest boxes, and prepaid expenses for maintenance and management for 30 years. The CD also included provisions for the payment of an estimated \$140,000 for wetland planning efforts. In January 1998, the FWS received \$20,000 from the Responsible Parties, \$5,000 of which was to cover past costs and \$15,000 allotted to covering future planning work.

Responsible Parties: 40 companies in all (25 signed PRP agreement) including Anderson, Greenwood and Co., et.al.



Compensation for releases from the Sheridan NPL site will include creation of freshwater wetland habitat.

Trustees:

[Texas Parks and Wildlife Department](#) (TPWD)

[Texas Commission on Environmental Quality](#) (TCEQ)

[Texas General Land Office](#) (TXGLO)

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The DOI-FWS is functioning as Lead Administrative Trustee on this case for restoration. Authorized Official designation for DOI was granted in March 2002.

Current Status: A Waterfowl Habitat was constructed to meet the stipulations in the CD. The Project Management Group (PMG) is comprised of one representative each from the Sheridan Site Trust, DOI-FWS and TCEQ. The PMG approved the project design and Waterfowl Habitat Plan October 14, 2005. The creation of an approximate 8 acre freshwater wetland habitat was conducted simultaneously with the Source Control Operative Unit 1 remediation activities. Completion notification was given by the USEPA on January 18, 2006 and following demobilization from the site in late January, the Phase 2 Monitoring Plan was implemented. There is approximately \$7,100 in the DOI NRDAR fund to cover future monitoring activities, which includes qualitative and quantitative evaluation of plantings relative to success criteria,

and inspection of runoff channels and habitat discharge.

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